

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR FLEXIBLE FIXATION OF A  
SPINE

**AMENDMENT TO THE OFFICE ACTION DATED JUNE 27, 2008**

**Mail Stop AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of the United States Patent and Trademark Office dated June 27, 2008, Applicant respectfully submits the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this Amendment

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this Amendment

*Examiner Cumberledge is thanked for the courtesy extended during the Examiner Interview held on September 22, 2008. Per our discussion, it is believed that independent claims 1, 15 and 24 overcome the pending rejections.*